

BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2008

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. NEW SUNRISE POWERLINK HEARINGS SET FOR MAY 12 : Micah Mitrosky, from the Sierra Club, has asked to speak to the Group about the importance of the two new public hearings scheduled for May 12th in Borrego Springs from 1PM-5PM and from 6:30 -9:30 PM at the Borrego Springs Resort, De Anza Room, 1112 Tilting T Drive, Borrego Springs. It has been announced that a quorum of the California Public Utilities Commission may attend with Administrative Law Judge Steven A. Weissman. Boulevard is impacted by numerous proposed routes and by connected action wind energy projects. It is critical that they hear directly from various communities.

6 .OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES:

A. TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: Several community volunteers have stepped forward to form an informal ad-hoc trails committee to review available options and ideas for local trails and trails that interconnect with existing and/or planned trail systems. They will give an update on their findings to date.

B. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): The group submitted comments prior to the March 24th deadline. Sempra has requested to construct a single circuit 500 kV transmission line that crosses the US-Mexico international border near Jacumba. The line would connect to up to 1,250 MW of wind energy to be produced in LaRumarosa Baja, CA, by a Sempra subsidiary. All energy would be exported from Mexico to the US. An 80-acre loop substation would be built on private land on the US side connecting to the existing Southwest Powerlink.

C. GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION: An article in the San Diego Union Tribune (3-13-08) quoted a tribal leader as saying their hotel proposal is on hold because of the economy. The Campo Band and the County have held several negotiation meetings over off-reservation impacts of the project.

D CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental Draft EIS for this long-planned landfill project on Campo's tribal lands is now projected to be released for public comment in spring or summer of 2008. The private developer, BLT Enterprises, Inc, has confirmed that they are still active participants in the project.

E GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: New staffing and consultants have taken over this project. Completion date is projected for Fall of 2010. The Chair will give an update of the April 26th Steering Committee meeting.

F. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: The County has started holding steering committee meetings on their MSCP for east county to provide for long-range conservation for one of the most bio-diverse locations in the nation. The goal for the plan is to avoid piecemealing, isolated open space

easements, uncoordinated funding efforts for habitat conservation and inconsistent habitat management. It is supposed to provide certainty for developers and compliment the retention of the rural character of the backcountry. Reportedly there will : "essentially be no change" for property owners who do not plan to further develop their properties. Those who choose to develop will still need to comply with CEQA and other regs.

G. BLM'S PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EASTERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY: The Final Environmental Impact statement is available online at www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html. The Group submitted a protest letter and McCain Valley photo album by the **January 7th deadline**. The management plan has been changed to allow for industrial wind turbines on over 7,000 acres in McCain Valley.

H. WIND ENERGY PROPOSAL FOR MCCAIN VALLEY: PPM Energy has reportedly issued a Plan Of Development for their wind turbine facility proposed for BLM land. They have also filed a protest for the BLM's Resource Management Plan update's reduction of potential wind energy development lands from over 17,000 acres down to approximately 7,000 acres. This new industrial project will be required to go through a separate federal environmental review process.

I. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS: The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo area has been included in the federally designated energy corridor which can include power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. The Group submitted comments by the February 14th deadline. The Sunrise Powerlink DEIS/EIR referred to this corridor designation as support for the I-8 Modified Route D Alternative.

J. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing reportedly has control over 7,800 Boulevard acres with several thousand more under consideration. A Kevin Smith is reportedly interested in gaining a 51% controlling interest in the land and potential development.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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